

Chicopee Historical Commission Voting Record and Minutes

The Planning Board of the City of Chicopee public hearing for Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 4:00 PM, RiverMills Senior Center, Classroom 30, 5 West Main Street, Chicopee, MA 01013

Meeting was brought to order at 4:00 PM by Sandra Ross, Vice Chair of the Historical Commission.

Historical Commission attendance:

Member	Present	Absent	Excused
Joshua Clark, Chair			X
Sandra Ross Vice Chair	X		
Linda Menard-Mruk Clerk	X		
Raymond Hoess-Brooks	X		

Planning Staff attendance:

Member	Present	Absent	Excused
Lee Pouliot, Director			X
James Dawson, Development Manager			X
Patrick McKenna, Asst.	X		
Nathan Moreau, Assoc. Planner			X

ITEM 1. Discussion Old/New Business

- Karen Kirby attended this meeting as a perspective member.
- Commissioner Clark was unable to attend this meeting. He did forward the legal opinion concerning the development of a Historical District Commission. Commission members will read the decision and discuss it at the November 12, 2019 meeting.
- Commissioner Clark sent a link to the Commission for properties on the Massachusetts Historical Inventory. Raymond Hoess-Brooks suggested the Commission review the list and reach out to homeowners asking them if they would be interested in doing presentation about their house. He also suggested the possibility of plaques to display the year the house was built.
- Commissioner Mruk will contact Jeff Cady of Chicopee Electric Light (CEL) to schedule a presentation for the November 12, 2019 meeting.
- An update on the progress of the Elm's College Gaylord House will be available from Ron Rickey for the November 12, 2019 meeting.
- Planning Staff's Patrick McKenna gave an update on the TDI facilitator, Andrea Monson. Andrea will be invited to the December 10, 2019 meeting to give the

Commission an update on the West End and Chicopee Center. The Commissioners also suggested contacting Chet Kobierski of the Chicopee Historical Society regarding a presentation on Chicopee Center.

- Update: Cell antennas on the Elm's College library. The antennas cannot be seen from Springfield Street, they are visible from the quad area on campus; however they resemble small canisters and do not detract from the architecture of the library building.
- Commissioners Mruk and Ross requested an update on the restoration of the antique map in the Planning Department.
- Commissioner Hoess-Brooks inquired about the budget for the Historical Commission. The Commissioners were informed that the budget is \$500 per year. To the Commissioner's knowledge that budget has never been accessed.

ITEM 2: Minutes from September 10, 2019

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2019 meeting was made by Linda Mruk and seconded by Raymond Hoess-Brooks. Vote was 3-0 to approve the minutes.

Member	Approve	Deny	Table	Abstain
Sandra Ross Vice Chair	X			
Linda Menard-Mruk Clerk	X			
Raymond Hoess-Brooks	X			

ITEM 3: Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Linda Mruk and seconded by Raymond Hoess-Brooks. Vote was 3-0 to adjourn.

Member	Approve	Deny	Table	Abstain
Sandra Ross Vice Chair	X			
Linda Menard-Mruk Clerk	X			
Raymond Hoess-Brooks	X			

Meeting adjourned at 4:23 PM.

The next meeting of the Chicopee Historical Commission is on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 4:00 PM.

After the meeting adjourned, Dave Robison arrived stating that he will be a new member of the Chicopee Historical Commission. He is awaiting the appointment letter from Mayor Kos. Commission members remained to answer any of Dave's questions.